

REMARKS

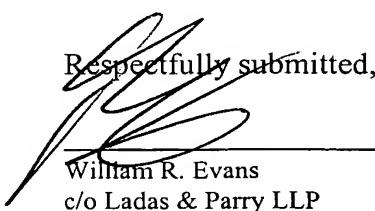
Claim 1 is amended non-narrowingly to attend to the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph without invoking any present Festo-like decision. The descriptive addition to the preamble is not referred to from the body of the claim and, therefore, as also traditional, not part of the claim. Other claim terms are deleted and, therefore, cannot narrow.

The rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 102 for anticipation by the cited Wolfensberger patent, and the same as it might be applied to new and corresponding claim 22, is traversed on the basis of the separate coupling and cover profiles claimed. In the embodiments of Figures 1 - 5 of the patent, the is no separate cover profile. Further, there is no suggestion of one, either, whereby to convert the rejection into one under 35 USC 103 for obviousness. Having separate coupling and cover profiles permits a common coupling profile to be used with separately selected cover profiles, a function neither possible nor suggested by Figures 1 - 5 of the patent.

The embodiment of Figure 6 of the patent, there is an external rail element 50, which might be a cover profile, and an inner rail element 51, which might be a coupling profile, but isn't. In figure 6, a sealing element 77 is attached to the inner rail element, and the door, which is not really a wall element, is attached to the sealing element. Whether this indirect coupling of a door and not a wall element might suggest coupling another wall element with the inner rail element, at least with hindsight from the claimed invention, it does not. The other side of the inner rail element 51 does not couple to sheet or plate 74, but rather is clamped to it in combination with the external rail element 50. Figure 6 of the patent thus teaches away from a coupling profile, as claimed, with a cover profile, as also claimed, and such contrary teaching cannot be ignored.

Formerly independent claims 20 and 21 introduce new combinations of features to those of claim 1 and, therefore, distinguish over the cited patent in the same way as described. Reconsideration and allowance are therefore, requested.

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